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Dear Dick:

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed -- and agreed with -- your article on the Soviet Union in the current issue of Foreign Affairs. I have not studied the Russians as long as you but my reading of Russian history and what I have witnessed in dealing with them over the past fifteen years certainly accords with your analysis.

Frankly, as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, I am a little surprised (and very pleased) that they published the article. I wonder if this is Hyland's hand in a search for a greater diversity in the journal.

In any event, again, I enjoyed the article and hope it gets wide readership. The next time you are in Washington and free for lunch, give me a call at the Agency .

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Sincerely,

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Robert M. Gates

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